SENATE BILL 2888

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to nursing homes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-207(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (7):

(7) Unless the immediate protection of the health and safety of residents of a nursing home requires otherwise, the commissioner shall provide at least twenty-four (24) hours notice of any suspension of admissions to a nursing home pursuant to this section ordered by the commissioner to the members of the senate and the house of representatives of the general assembly of the districts in which the nursing home is located.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-207, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f) At the time of any complaint investigation survey that could reasonably lead to a suspension of admissions, probation or other sanctions or the loss of federal funds relating to any agreement to furnish services under Title XVIII (42 U.S.C. § 1395 et seq.) or XIX (42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq.) of the Social Security Act, the department shall provide notice in writing of the complaint investigation survey to the members of the senate and the house of representatives of the general assembly of the districts in which the nursing home is located.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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